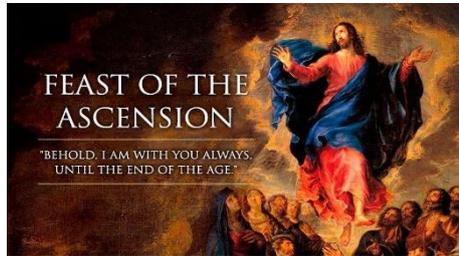


The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley,  
Shackleford and Peper Harow  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
7<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter

**ZOOM Service – gather from 9.50am and start at 10am**



**Revd Hannah writes:**

One thing I am constantly reminded of is that we are not in control. We are not in control of the virus, who it affects, or who it doesn't. We have little control how and when we move through the various stages of lockdown. Last Sunday, I found I had no control over Zoom. The app closed just as I was about to begin the service and when I managed to log back in, I had lost control of the mute button. Consequently, we could all be heard making a joyful noise, at different paces, in our own homes as we tried to sing the hymns. The Zoom technology failed all over the world last weekend, leading to reports that the Church had broken the internet app. The disciples must also have felt out of control as Jesus was taken up into heaven in front of their eyes. They had just got used to having him around again after his resurrection and now he was leaving them again. Jesus' final instruction to the disciples in Matthew's Gospel is to take control and persevere. He tells them to "Go and make disciples and baptise new believers in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." Even though everything now seems so unfamiliar, like the disciples, we need to persevere, to come together as a community of believers to worship God.

**First Reading**

Acts 1:6-14

Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus again promises the disciples that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit and be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth".

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Despite the "fiery ordeal" that they are going through, the writer urges his readers to rejoice in sharing Christ's sufferings, and to humble themselves so that God may exalt them in due time.

**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commissions the disciples to share the good news and baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Collect for today**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with  
power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**Collect for Thy Kingdom Come**

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the  
world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

## **A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen



### **Prayer Pointers**

#### **Our concerns:**

We pray for Headteachers, governors, staff, parents and pupils as they consider how to get children back to school safely. We also pray that teachers, students and parents helping with home-schooling have a restful half-term.

We pray for God's wisdom for our government and the scientists guiding us through this crisis.

We continue to pray for those who have been affected by Covid -19.

We pray for those who live in care homes and those who care for them.

For those feeling worried, isolated, or alone. We pray they will know God's peace.

We also pray for those struggling to cope with financial pressures because of the virus.

#### **Christians far and wide:**

We pray that Christians may continue to serve the communities in which they live and demonstrate God's love in the world.

We pray for church leaders across the denominations as they try to discern the best ways to reopen church buildings.

#### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Pray for Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and all those licensed for the many forms of lay ministry in our parishes that they may work with their ordained colleagues in spreading God's Word

#### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Saint Augustine / Anglican Communion Sunday

Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops

For members of the Anglican Consultative Council

For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon,

For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York

Muslim Religious Holiday: - Eid el Fitr

#### **Our nation and our world:**

We pray for the people of South America, the new epicentre of the pandemic, we pray for God's healing and restoration.

Pray that nations will work together to find a vaccine

#### **Our neighbours:**

We pray for our villages, Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow.

We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages

**For those who are unwell and those who have gone to their rest in you.**

## Thy Kingdom Come 2020

From Ascension to Pentecost we will be taking part in Thy Kingdom Come by holding a daily prayer session via Zoom. This will be in the morning at **10am** or in the Evening at **6pm**. *To join the Thy Kingdom Come Zoom Prayer meetings, please use the following ZOOM invite:*

**Topic: Thy Kingdom Come 2020**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3509352508?pwd=WjZjZGhkMm40TDJaZnNzM1JTVExZZz09>

Meeting ID: 350 935 2508

Password: ETSPH

The schedule of prayer meetings is below:

**21/5/2020 6pm – Ascension Compline**

**22/5/2020 10am – Morning Prayer**

**23/5/2020 6pm – Evening Prayer**

**24/5/2020 6pm – Evening Prayer**

**25/5/2020 – 6pm – Evening Prayer**

**26/5/2020 – 10am - Morning Prayer**

**27/5/2020 – 6pm - Compline**

**28/5/2020 - 10am - Morning Prayer**

**29/5/2020 – 6pm - Evening Prayer**

**30/5/2020 10am – Morning Prayer**

**31/5/2020 – 6pm- Diocesan Pentecost Digital Beacon Event – More details to follow**

### Noticeboard Ministry

During the Thy Kingdom Come the pictures on the notice board will be focusing on the word of The Our Father I encourage you to stop and have a look as you walk in Elstead and I will upload them to the Worship Online section of our Website <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk>



## Everyday Faith Daily Reflections and other resources

### NEW - Download the Thy Kingdom Come App

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/thy-kingdom-come>

If you want to use daily morning or evening prayer as part of your week's routine, the Church of England provides a full daily version on its website under the title Daily Prayer. This is complete with the readings and collect for the day. You can find it at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

The Church of England website also has a range of other readings, reflections and prayers to use, including services and items produced by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Our Cathedral is offering music and daily thoughts accessible from its website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/>

### Using Technology:



**We gather from 9.50am and the service will start at 10am**

### **ZOOM service Sunday at 10am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=UlhIUUFQ2bjRlSWWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: ETSPH

We have a new website: <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/>

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